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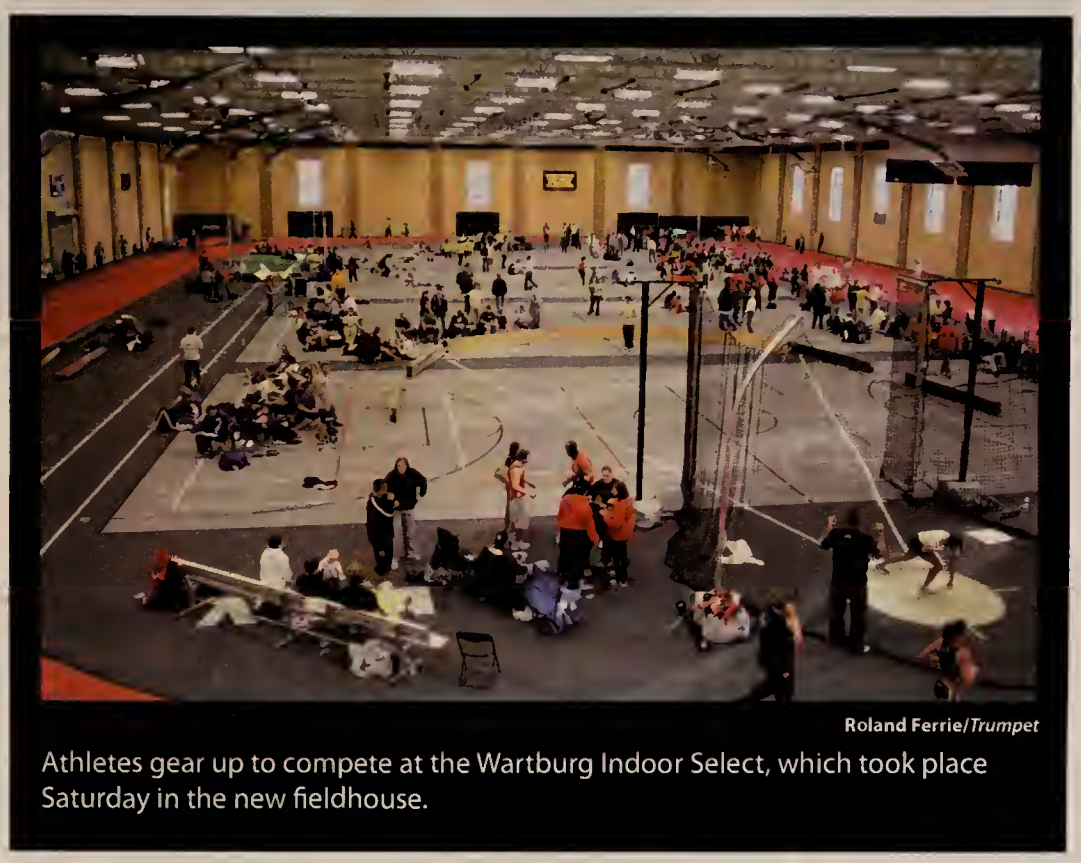

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Athletes gear up to compete at the Wartburg Indoor Select, which took place Saturday in the new fieldhouse.

Senate candidates debate campus issues

WHITNEY FREE *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

Elections for student body president, vice president, treasurer and recorder will take place Tuesday. Tonight, the candidates will take part in their second debate.

Travis Bockentstedt and Abhay Nadipuram will face John Kuckelman and Seth Drury in the president and vice president race respectively. Carl Hoeg is running unopposed for treasurer and Trevor Carolan is running unopposed for recorder.

Last Monday, the candidates took part in their first debate. Hoeg and Carolan spoke briefly on their platforms before the president and vice president teams took questions from a panel and from the audience.

Bockenstedt and Nadipuram emphasized improving the Student Center, getting better feedback from professors about coursework and giving the dorms facelifts. Kuckelman and Drury stressed communication with the student body, getting students more involved in Senate and using persistence to improve recycling on campus.

When Eric Benson, current student body president, asked Bockenstedt and Nadipuram how these leadership roles would fit into their schedules, they said they will give up several of their activities to devote themselves to the positions.

Benson asked Kuckelman and Drury about being taken seriously in contrast to students' perception of the pair as Mr. Wartburg candidates rather than Student Senate candidates.

"Our serious side should not be overlooked," Kuckelman said. "When I'm passionate about something, there is very little that can get in the way of me getting it done."

Both teams said too few students seem interested in what Senate does and the opportunities they provide.

"I think there are a lot of misconceptions about Senate," Drury said.

"We need to get people to our meetings," Nadipuram said. "Senators need to bring people so they can realize how the system works."

Kuckelman and Drury said they would be a strong voice to represent students.

"I have a good understanding of the infrastructure [of Senate], and we want what's best for the student body," Drury said.

Bockentstedt and Nadipuram emphasized their experience.

"Knowing what's already been done the last few years and how it worked is an advantage," Bockenstedt said.

All four said recycling and handicap access are initiatives they would continue next year.

Tonight's debate will take place at 7 p.m. in the ballrooms. Voting will take place online Tuesday.

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Check out the Student Senate election results at *www.wartburg.edu/trumpet*

Student media win big at ICMA

Trumpet, WTV8, KWAR take several firsts

LAURA GREVAS *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The Wartburg Trumpet, WTV8 and KWAR won several awards at this weekend's ICMA (Iowa College Media Association) award ceremony and conference in Des Moines.

The Wartburg Trumpet placed in 16 categories, including seven first-place finishes. Graduate Matt Popowski won for best sports photograph, Photo Editor Roland Ferrie won for best photographic portfolio. Andrew Nostvick took home best sports story, and Associate Editor Whitney Free won for both best profile story and best coverage of First Amendment issues.

The paper also took first for best OP/ED section and best page one for the March 20, 2007 edition.

WTV8 also took home four awards. They won first place in the best news programming for their "Virginia Tech Shooting Reaction" and best documentary for "Voices from the Storm '07." They took second place for best corporate video, the "Communication Arts Department Video" and WTV8 News took third for best newscast.

KWAR took four awards as well, winning third place in the best newscast category for "Knightwire." The station took second place in the general excellence category for their show "La Mañana" and swept the sports broadcast category. Luke Shanno and Nick Janicek took first place for their reporting of a Wartburg-Cornell game. The station received second for a Wartburg-Coe game.

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Culver's Iowa Grant proposal may burden students

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JACKIE MANTERNACH *WTV 8 NEWS*

Forty percent of students could have more of a financial burden if the Iowa Tuition Grant stays the same while inflation rises.

Governor Chet Culver has recommended the Iowa Legislature give no additional funding to the grant for the next academic year.

As a result, Edith Waldstein, vice president of enrollment management, and Jen Sassman, director of financial aid, asked students, parents and donors to write to their representatives.

"There's cost of living increases, there's cost of operating increases everywhere," Sassman said. "Tuition goes up every year, and if our grant programs don't keep pace with that, then our students pay more out of pocket."

Victoria Breshears receives the $4,000 grant like 725 other Wartburg students. Even with this help, Breshears temporarily transferred to a state school in Arkansas for part of last semester.

"Even though it was an out-of-state school, the tuition was cheaper than Wartburg," she said.

Sassman said the Iowa Tuition Grant was created to equalize the cost of public and private schools, so students could pick a college based on how the college fit them rather than on cost.

The incentive should be important to the State of Iowa because students who go to private schools are more likely to stay in Iowa, Sassman said. She said 76 percent of Wartburg alums stay in Iowa.

Sassman said that if the Governor recommended that more of the state budget go into the Grant program. "We could offer more students the grant, and we could offer more than this $4,000 that's been the amount of the grant for several years."

Senator Bill Heckroth said Iowa's legislature increased funding for the grant by about $2 million last year.

"With revenue projections being what they are for fiscal year 2008-09, I don't see us increasing this amount," Heckroth said. "But we are still just getting started and the budgets are the last thing we do. So we'll have to wait and see."

If the current trend of tuition rising at six percent continues, the tuition will increase by $4,000 in the next three years.

"At Wartburg and other schools across the Midwest, it looks like the increase is going to be between five and six percent of tuition next year," Andy Swanson, vice president of Student Senate, said.

The tuition increase will be discussed at the Board of Regents meeting on March 1.

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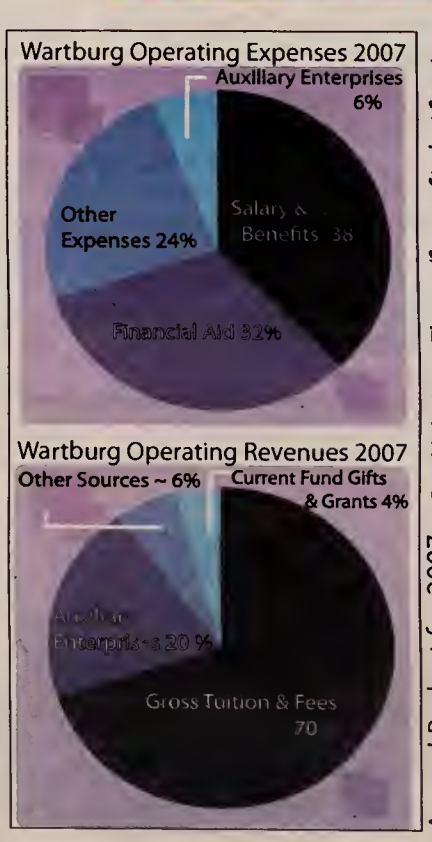

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Trumpet on break for a week

The Trumpet will not publish an issue next week. The newspaper staff is attending a college newspaper conference in Minneapolis this weekend. The Trumpet will be back Feb. 25. We appreciate your readership.

Former knight appears on American Idol

Leo Marlowe of Charlotte, Iowa made it to Hollywood on American Idol. He auditioned in Omaha and qualified as one of 164 finalists. American Idol airs Tuesdays and Wednesdays on Fox.

Cameras allowed at Yordi trial

Expanded media coverage on Nick Yordi's trial has been granted, meaning one still camera and one television camera will be allowed in the courtroom. However, objections by witnesses will be ruled upon as raised. The trial will begin Thursday. Yordi was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly yelling homosexual slurs at another student in October.

KWAR hosts Valentine's Day giveaway

Wartburg's student-run radio station is celebrating the day dedicated to love by giving away prizes all day Feb.14 starting at 7 a.m. The prizes include singles and couples packages. The singles prizes include flowers, pizzas and DVDs. Couples have a chance to receive gift certificates to Tequila II, Waverly Palace Theatre and more.

University of Iowa to host symposium

The "Climate Change and Human Rights Symposium" will take place at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Levitt Auditorium in the Boyd Law building in Iowa City. Scholars and experts will discuss climate change and its impact on populations around the world. Topics include climate change's effects on future generations, indigenous persons and energy policies.

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

More than 20 photographs by Sarah Small are on display at the Schmidt Gallery in the Fine Arts Center.

Gallery features NYC photographer

CHRIS LAMBERTZ *EXPRESSION EDITOR*

A new exhibit called "The Delirium Constructions" opened in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery last week. The exhibit is a collection of photographs by New York artist Sarah Small with interaction as the theme.

Art gallery director Matthew Wilson knew Small from New York, who also photographed his daughter.

Wilson chose this exhibit in part to benefit the students' understanding of photography.

"I thought it would be good to have a real world photographer come in and show the diversity of their work," Wilson said.

"She takes risks, creates energy and really grabs the viewer."

Wilson saved time and money with this exhibit.

"Instead of shipping the photos from New York and costing a lot of money, we printed them here on campus," Wilson said.

Small said her work portrays colorful, energetic and emotional relationships.

"I really enjoy creating a connection with the viewer, and yet also having a certain type of disconnection," she said.

The project will be on display 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday until March 1. Those interested can see Small's work at www.sarahsmall.com.

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Eucharist attendance down, *new features in the works*

AUSTIN DRAUDE *KWAR NEWS*

Attendance at midweek Eucharist service at Wartburg is decreasing. Organizers are attempting to attract more students by making some changes.

Aaron Schutte, Eucharist coordinator, is in his second year organizing the student-run worship service.

"We're not quite sure what it's going to look like yet," Schutte said. "I'd say our main changes would be having more committed people help us out with the planning. People will be getting more involved."

Schutte said despite a nearly half-full service Wednesday night and a crowd estimated at 80 the week before, Eucharist attendance is on the slide.

"It's been going on for a while," Schutte said. "I wouldn't say it's dropped recently, but over the past couple of years. It used to be that you had to get here early to get a seat for Eucharist."

Following the Eucharist service Jan. 30, students were asked to fill out surveys about what changes they wanted to see. Schutte said the response was fantastic, and he's confident some changes will be made.

He also said the response to music has been good, and the students will still be heavily involved with the service.

"We're looking at having two bands that would consistently play Eucharist," Schutte said, "and we'll still have special music and musicians so that we can continue to involve everyone."

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Security seizes students' scooters

BRITTANY FEAGANS *STAFF WRITER*

Campus Security tracked two female students riding razor scooters through the Student Centers and impounded the scooters Jan. 30.

"A custodian for the Student Center reported two students racing down the hallway on the second floor," John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, said. "He said one 'crashed and burned' at the corner just before the Mensa entrance, and then they continued out of the Student Center to the Whitehouse Business Center."

Campus Security caught up with Allison Schulz and Maribel Lopez in the Fine Arts Center where the scooters were confiscated.

"There was some minor damage to the floor from the accident, but the custodial staff was able to buff it out," Myers said.

Page 36 of the student handbook states activities such as skateboarding, rollerblading, bike or scooter riding are not allowed on outside steps, stairways or inside campus buildings due to safety concerns.

"There is some risk to others who might be trying to make their way through the hallways," Peter Armstrong, associate dean of students, said. "The person on the scooter might not have the same control and could potentially cause an accident. Floors would not hold up well if lots of people began riding around in the hallways."

"The purpose we had for riding through the skywalks was to get to the Communication Arts Center as fast as possible while preventing windburn," Schulz said.

Schulz and Lopez were en route to the CAC when they realized they had forgotten a necessary material for their project back in The Residence.

"To minimize our travel time, we thought it would be wise to take the scooters," Lopez said.

Both women admitted to frequent scooter usage during Fall Term, before the severe weather conditions.

"I guess I never really thought of it as breaking the rules. I have often ridden my scooter to class. I would ride it outside, but once I got inside a building I would usually ride it through the door," Schulz said.

"No one had ever said anything to me, even Security or Pete Armstrong as I have rolled past them."

The scooters will remain in the Campus Security office and will be returned to the students when the weather allows for outside scooter usage.

"I feel bad because I don't want maintenance to think I was disrespecting their work on the floors, but it was pretty fun, especially by the WBC where the skywalk slants downward," Lopez said.

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Forensics has successful weekend in Wisconsin

WHITNEY FREE *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

The Forensics team competed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Saturday and at Ripon College Sunday, earning a fourth place overall finish as a team.

At Eau Claire, Kayosha Guyer finished first in biographical inform, and Meaghan Hagensick took third in dramatic interpretation.

Matt Rowles finished first in impromptu speaking, fourth in prose and third in poetry.

At Ripon, Guyer placed third in biographical inform and fourth in impromptu speaking, while Rowles took second in extemporaneous speaking and third in impromptu speaking.

Hagensick finished first in extemporaneous speaking, sixth in dramatic interpretation and sixth in impromptu speaking.

Rowles won first place overall for the weekend.

"We did amazing this weekend," Hagensick said. "We showed it's about the quality, not quantity of competition we bring. We're the little team that could."

The team will compete in the Mid-American Forensics League tournaments seven and eight at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. in two weeks.

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Students celebrated the Chinese New Year at Thursday's dinner in the Mensa. Above, Emily Morris enters herself in a prize contest for students who wore red. The event was put on by the International Club.

Games unite Waverly, Wartburg communities

JACKIE ALBRECHT *STAFF WRITER*

Inclusion Connection is hosting a Valentine's Day game night to bring people with and without disabilities together.

The game night is different than previous ones.

"With this event we're hoping to connect young adults who live with a disability, and often experience social isolation, to young adults who hopefully may change their attitude," Kayleen Symmonds, consultant of Inclusion Connection, said.

"It is important to recognize that most students on campus have been a positive role model to the general community on truly being inclusive minded in their social interactions."

The event is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the McCoy conference rooms.

The game night will include BINGO, Pictionary, pin-the-arrow-on-the-cupid and decorating heart-shaped sugar cookies. All will incorporate a Valentine's Day theme.

Prizes will also be awarded at game night. Prizes include cool cookie gift certificates, Wartburg T-shirts and candy jars.

This event is planned by the Tower Agency. Inclusion Connection has an account with the student-run public relations group.

Inclusion Connection is paying for some of the prizes, while Tower Agency is supplying the T-shirts. However, Sara Jane Jones, Inclusion Connection account executive, said it's actually a low-budget operation.

The Tower Agency and Inclusion Connection hadn't found enough time to carry it out until now.

"We knew the Inclusion participants really enjoyed last year's game night, so we thought it would be nice to do it again. This time with a bit more flare," Jones said.

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Players Theatre in rough condition

MARIBEL LOPEZ *WTV 8 NEWS*

The Player's Theatre building is falling apart because of old age. The walls have holes with dust and cobwebs, the hardwood floors are scratched and cracked, and the interior paint is peeling off.

"I hope that if we lose Players as a rehearsal space, or general free area, that it will be replaced," Lourey Middlecamp, vice president of Wartburg Players, college drama organization, said.

College officials declined to comment on the matter.

Middlecamp said the space is significant because campus organizations schedule more events each year.

"It's important for Wartburg to be able to grow and that growth isn't limited by buildings we can't use."

However, the condition of the building does not matter, Rachel Vickers, member of Wartburg Players, said.

"If you're going to give us the space, give us the space. We'll use it in whatever condition it's in. We just need a space right now," Vickers said.

Player's Theatre was built in 1920 and served as Wartburg's first gymnasium. The building has housed the campus radio station, chapel services, library reference books and various classes.

The McCaskey Lyceum was constructed to have various productions in 2004. When the construction of the new wellness center began, Player's Theatre was turned into a practice area for some athletes.

The Wartburg Players have not been able to practice in the theatre since then and instead have been practicing in various areas on campus.

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Board contemplates tuition remission amendment

EMILY SCHMITT *STAFF WRITER*

The Board of Regents will consider an amendment to the tuition remission section of the faculty handbook. The amendment was proposed at the faculty meeting Jan. 30.

Twenty-five Wartburg faculty and staff are participating in the tuition exchange program and 45 faculty and staff in the tuition remission program.

Wartburg participates in the tuition exchange program, a non-profit association of colleges and universities that finances college tuition for children and other family members of faculty and staff employed at participating institutions.

"We're always looking out ahead and want to make a point of clarification about the program," Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said.

The amendment is not the result of any specific event or problem, but is simply thought to provide a clearer explanation of the tuition remission and tuition exchange programs, Waldstein said. The changes are mainly reworded and reorganized phrases.

Twenty-three Iowa colleges participate in the exchange. The exchange is not an automatic benefit of faculty and staff, but is a competitive process.

Wartburg's faculty and staff may also benefit from tuition remission.

"The vast majority of faculty and staff take advantage of tuition remission," Waldstein said.

The faculty handbook currently states that "full-time academic faculty, their spouses and their dependent children shall be eligible for full tuition remission at Wartburg College for courses offered in the residential program during the regular academic year."

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Keep on Learning features Harlem Renaissance lessons

JACKIE ALBRECHT *STAFF WRITER*

The Harlem Renaissance in the early 20th century produced some of the country's greatest cultural achievements, Karris Golden, Wartburg's assistant director of communication and marketing, said.

Golden will lead February's Keep on Learning session exploring the Harlem Renaissance. The class will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the St. Elizabeth's Ballroom.

During the early 1900's, Golden said, "quite often whites alternated between being oblivious to the presence of blacks and being painfully aware of it.

"And yet somehow, in spite of all that, there was this explosion of art, literature, social commentary and the like being produced in black enclaves across the country. Its apex was Harlem. It's incredible," she said.

Golden will take a closer look at the Harlem Renaissance including literature, poetry, oration, social commentary, the visual arts, the performing arts and music.

Attendees will watch a film adaptation of Zora Neale-Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Golden believes anyone interested in literature, art and culture would enjoy the session and hopes those who attend will begin to spread knowledge about the Harlem Renaissance.

"My hope is that people will understand the renaissance was about a major contribution to U.S. culture, not a subcategory based on skin color," she said.

Golden proposed the Harlem Renaissance as a topic for a Keep on Learning session because she thought the people who regularly attend the sessions would find it interesting.

"Like anyone who has a strong interest in a particular topic, I had long believed everyone knew as much as I do about the Harlem Renaissance, if not more. However, I began to realize this isn't the case," Golden said.

Golden has studied the Harlem Renaissance for more than 20 years. She has read and studied most fiction and poetry from the Harlem Renaissance, along with studying the context of the movement in U.S. history.

Keep on Learning sessions are open to all Cedar Valley residents. There was no charge for attending the first class; however, those who continue with the class must pay a $30 fee. The remaining two classes will take place on Feb. 21 and 28.

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From the Other Side of the Desk

Dedicated students take on leadership as FIN scholars

Students work to raise political awareness on campus and in community

FRED WALDSTEIN
FACULTY GUEST WRITER

As many in the Wartburg community know, Engaging Students: First In the Nation is an interdisciplinary collaboration between Wartburg College and Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H. The project is focused on educating and engaging students and the public regarding the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary during the 2008 presidential election cycle.

Dr. Penni Pier and I, as co-directors of the project, have had the pleasure of working with eight Wartburg students (Eric Benson, Sam Dunn, Heidi Hesse, Justin Novinger, Liz Reedstrom, Jake Ritland, Taylor Sutton and Emily Wieneke) beginning last summer and continuing through this year as we move ever closer toward the election of our next president.

These First in the Nation (FIN) scholars, together with their Franklin Pierce counterparts, have explored the political landscapes in Iowa and New Hampshire, helped host candidate forums, met with virtually all of the major political candidates from both parties, attended the Iowa caucuses, and the New Hampshire primary in addition to organizing civic engagement events both on and off campus.

It has been heartening to see this dedicated group of students share in the enthusiasm of our democratic process.

Several students worked directly with different political campaigns and were exposed firsthand to the campaign process. They have worked with both Democrat and Republican student groups to foster a climate of constructive dialogue about the issues.

Last Tuesday they helped organize and host an open house where everyone was invited to watch events unfold on "Super Tuesday."

Beyond the campus, the FIN scholars organized a program to discuss political issues with high school students, which was presented at a national conference and at East High School in Waterloo.

And the FIN scholars continue to plan events and activities including participation in the national conventions to be held this August and September.

Why does this matter? College-age citizens of the U.S. too often fail to live up to that challenge. Most do not involve themselves in the local or national electoral process, suggesting they will also be less engaged later in life.

Ideally, all voters choose their candidates based on full knowledge of the issues at hand. Yet according to the Gallup Organization, in 2004 more than two-thirds of Democrats admitted to not paying close attention to their candidate's choices.

A survey that same year by the University of Michigan showed persons between the ages of 18 and 29 scored significantly lower on a "political information" scale than did older Americans.

As for participation, during the 2004 presidential election only 64 percent of voting age citizens went to the polls, with older Americans voting at a rate higher than younger Americans. The rate was only 47 percent for young adults between 18 and 24, the age category under which most college students fall.

The Wartburg FIN scholars are doing their part to address this situation. Their work has helped elevate the level of discourse and political consciousness on campus this year. And that is something in which we can all take pride.

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Tradition of celebrating diversity may be missing the point

LAURA GREVAS *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

It has recently occurred to me that I'm not a big fan of Black History Month.

OK, now that I've got your attention, let me clarify. I have nothing against blacks or history or even months.

What I do have is a problem with how some efforts to "celebrate diversity" so completely miss the point.

Case in point: Maya Angelou is my favorite author. I have been reading her prose and poetry since I was introduced to it in 10th grade. So when, on a recent trip to the Cedar Falls Library, I was unable to find any of it after 15 minutes of searching, I was a little perplexed.

It wasn't until I was leaving that I saw the semi-complete works of Angelou on the bottom of a shelf dedicated to black authors.

I feel a little sorry for her, getting an annual reprieve from the dusty fiction stacks not to be touted as an accomplished author, but as an accomplished *black* author. Silly me, I should have looked under "S" for skin color instead of "A" for Angelou.

Now, does it make sense for a library to honor black authors for Black History Month? Of course it does. What doesn't make sense is the often singular focus on race over the qualification of the person.

This November, we might elect the first female president or the first black president. If that happens, it will be an important step toward true equality in our country, but it will be an even more important test. A test to see if Americans can get over having a new type of president and demand a new type of presidency.

Second case in point: I recently saw what I assume is a locally-produced commercial for a cell phone store.

The commercial features a young black woman talking up the store, peppering her language with lots of "yo"s. "Yo, unammed cell phone store does this." "Yo, this, yo, that."

Now, unless the repetitive use of the word 'yo' is a new marketing technique I don't know about, the message is clear: "We dumbed down and slanged up this commercial so it would appeal to our black audience."

Bravo, advertisers. Way to treat your target audience like they can't understand plain English and couldn't possibly be attracted by the actual qualities of your store.

I realize, as a Minnesoootan, that we all have different ways of talking, but this commercial is racist on a whole different level.

Here we have two extremes, neither of which further the cause of equality. Neither putting individuals on a pedestal for their 'blackness' nor pandering down to a perceived black culture really hit the mark in terms of diversity celebration.

I am not saying the important people and places of the civil rights movement don't deserve a place in our history books. I am saying we might do well to start viewing Black History, and all history, as something we could look to for answers.

Remember the old adage, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it"? Well, it's time we learn from our past mistakes and start holding everyone to a higher and equal standard.

That's the only way we will ever create a future worth celebrating — for *all* of us.

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Wartburg Players celebrate Mardi Gras with masquerade

CHRISTIAN MUELLER *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Wartburg joined in the festivities of Mardi Gras, the last day before the Christian season of Lent, with a masquerade ball organized by the Wartburg Players this year.

"It's nice to have this sort of event at least once in a while at Wartburg," Rachel Vickers, said. "It's one of the things we leave behind in high school, and the night was just fabulous."

The event included dancing, refreshments, traditional Mardi Gras beads and masks to decorate for all who attended.

"Students wanted the social event," Dr. William Earl, theatre professor and adviser to Wartburg Players, said. "We did it to enliven the Wartburg community and support larger community needs."

Admission for the event was $1 or a canned food item donation. Proceeds went to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

The event raised $30 and 12 canned food items. Kaitlin Doyle, whose Residence suite serves the Food Bank, said the Wartburg Players' donation will go a long way.

"For every dollar that is donated to the Food Bank, they can buy eight to ten dollars in food," she said.

Doyle's Residence suite supported the masquerade by publicizing the event, encouraging students to support the Food Bank and staffing the event. This was in conjunction with the suite's chosen service project.

The event took place on "Super Tuesday," and competed for recognition with a number of other events taking place that evening, including the "Super Tuesday" news viewing in the Mensa and a V-Day panel.

The Wartburg Players began advertising the event during the previous week with posters and masks around campus and actors in the Mensa.

"I was really excited that we got to do something like this," Lourey Middlecamp, vice president of Wartburg Players and organizer of the event, said. "I was worried that many wouldn't understand what we were doing, but I was pleased to see new faces at the ball."

Earl described the masquerade as "very successful" despite its position mid-week and battling for attendees with other campus events.

The organization was considering delaying the ball due to planning difficulties, but thought that having such an event during Lent at a college of the church would cause problems.

"Some of the student leaders doubted that we could do it," Earl said. "I just had confidence."

Earl attributes some of the success to the masquerade's change in venue.

The ball was originally scheduled in Player's Theatre, but due to difficulties with the site that Earl did not wish to comment on, they were forced to search for a new location.

Eventually, the Players settled for the Classroom Technology Center, a locale often overlooked by campus groups.

"The CTC was great," Middlecamp said.

"It has two levels, so people were constantly wandering through in the skywalk. It was a real benefit to be somewhere so visible and where people were able to participate so easily; people were coming in and going out all night."

This was the first time that the Wartburg Players have sponsored this event, but Earl says they plan to make it an annual event on campus.

Courtesy Photo

Students sport masks decorated for the masquerade ball last Tuesday. The event raised $30 for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

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Movie Review

"Cloverfield" a monstrosity

CHRISTIAN MUELLER *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

"Cloverfied," the much-hyped 2008 movie from Paramount Films and Bad Robot Productions, begins like any romantic comedy might (save of course the hokey Department of Defense disclaimer introducing the "recovered footage").

A montage of scenes of a couple in love gives way to a farewell party for the character played by newcomer, Michael Stahl-David.

Suddenly, an explosion rocks the entire city of New York. This is where the problems begin (for the viewer, not the characters).

The small group of friends ducks into a convenient store in a scene reminiscent of 9-11. The group hides out there until the explosion subsides amidst screams of "Dude, what's going on?" and "Dude, don't go out there!" and any other sentence to which one could affix "dude."

In a "Blair Witch Project" style, the entire film is recorded on a handheld camera - a novelty that doesn't last very long into the film.

The handheld style is perhaps interesting at first, but later on just brings up questions such as, "Why on Earth would anyone keep filming for that long while running away from monsters?"

Speaking of monsters, where did they come from? Why did they attack New York? Why don't any weapons at all work against them? If even just one of these questions had been answered, it would have been much less confusing.

The writers would have done much better to only grant fleeting glimpses of whatever was terrorizing New York city, lest we see the terribly designed monstrosity.

"Cloverfield" missed at its attempt to present any sort of deep message. A symmetrical style and flashbacks to Stahl-David's relationship before the attack try to make the movie into something it is not - a "thinking" movie.

The film ultimately falls short of its mark. Mediocre acting, a Swiss-cheese plot and nauseating camera work earn it a meager 1.5 stars.

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Countries differ in view of marriage

AYSHA ESHONOVA *STAFF WRITER*

Wedding traditions vary in different countries. Some girls get married knowing their boyfriends well, but some have to be kidnapped or forced into marriage.

"As the USA is a country with people of various backgrounds, the wedding ceremony is varied depending on that," Kathryn Koob, professor of communications arts, said. "It often depends on where a family lives and the country they came from."

The wedding ceremonies have also changed. The home is no longer the center of the marriage event. Instead, people search for expensive venues such as hotels and yachts to host their receptions, Koob said.

As for the age of getting married, most girls used to get married right after graduating from high school in the 1950s," Koob said. "But nowadays young people get married when they are 25 to 30 or even older."

Marriage belongs more and more in the realm of free expression for those who are getting married.

"Weddings are not imposed by parents," Koob said. "In fact even in the past, marriage for most young women was expected by parents, it was not imposed."

In America the age of getting married is up to young people and is a part of life, but in other countries the situation is quite different.

"In India, usually arranged marriages are preferred and [marriages for love] are not so much in our tradition," Dalbir Kour, a student from India, said. "In some big cities ... it is up to young people to choose their future husband or wife, but it depends on if the family is well-educated."

The typical range for getting married in India is between the ages of 23 and 29 in most areas, Kour said.

"Parents plan the marriage," Kour said. "Parents look for a good family where their daughter or son will be happy."

"Bride kidnapping has been practiced for centuries."
-Hokuma Babayeva

Americans might see this as a violation of their rights, but that is how the marriage system works in India, and Kour believes it works well.

"I haven't seen anyone getting divorced [in my city]," Kour said. "People keep on compromising. I do think they are happy."

India's traditional system differs quite a bit from the American one, but not nearly as much as the one in Azerbaijan where bride kidnapping is common.

"Bride kidnapping is a tradition that has been practiced for centuries in Azerbajan and in countries of the Middle East," Hokuma Babayeva, a student from Azerbaijan, said. "Some people still keep to that tradition, though it is getting rare in big cities."

As with many countries, traditional values are being left behind by much of the urban and educated population, but it does still happen.

Sometimes young people take advantage of this tradition when they love each other and their parents do not agree to their marriage.

They choose a unique way to solve the problem (bride kidnapping) and their parents usually end up organizing the wedding for their children.

"When the girl is kidnapped the parents cannot ask to return their daughter because it is a shame for the family," Babayeva said. "It is not really legal to [kidnap] by law, but local authorities try to respect what people did centuries ago."

Social progress is present in the countries and many families are attempting to instill a much different sort of ethos in their children.

"I was raised and given the right values of life by my parents and [the tradition of bride kidnapping] is not the right thing for me," Babayeva said.

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Student body campaigns move into the future with use of technology

CHRISTIAN MUELLER *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Student Senate campaigning has changed over the years, and the most recent changes are completely throwing out the traditional rules.

The use of the Internet for campaign advertising has played a central role in the campaigns in the last few years.

Facebook groups and events are the modern replacements for canvassers.

"Facebook is the easiest way to try to get your name out," Eric Benson, current student body president, said. "Facebook groups are even used as informal polls. If you don't have as many in your group as your opponent, you just hurry up and 'friend' some more people."

Electronic advertisements for student body campaigns have also appeared on YouTube, an online video network. The Engh/Cassman campaign from 2007 still has ads available online.

Presidential campaigns are granted only $50 by the Student Senate, which they are allowed to match with $50 of their own for $100 of total spending. Free Internet ads help circumvent this rule.

The use of more traditional tools has remained unchanged for decades.

"The candidates used to have posters and buttons similar to the current student body," Pastor Larry Trachte, campus pastor and '66 alumnus said.

Even voting has become decentralized through the use of the Internet.

"We used to vote at mandatory convocations where the candidates would also debate," Trachte said.

Links to vote in the student body elections will be sent out by e-mail Tuesday.

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Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*

Karl Vogel (left) hurdles alongside teammate Kyle Peters at the Knight's first home track meet in 16 years

Five Knights provisionally qualify

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running a 6.55. Teammate Derek Peth finished fourth in the 400 with a time of 50.26.

Palngji Goshit finished in second place just ahead of John Koehler who finished in third in the 600-meter run. They finished with times of 1:28.49 and 1:30.19 respectively.

Jake Hommer won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.9, while teammate Nathan Vaughn finished fourth with a time of 2:00.08.

Andy Hodge and Brian Mullenbach finished first and third in the 3,000-meter run with times of 8:38 and 8:52 respectively.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Brodie Overton, Drew Johnson, Heath Rost and Austin Glover finished third with a time of 1:33.8. The 4x400-meter relay team finished second. The team, composed of Niel Suckow, Derek Stephens, Kyle Peters and Peth, finished with a time of 3:25.

The men's jumpers were led by Kyle Sibel. Sibel finished second in the high jump and fourth in the triple jump. He jumped 1.91 meters in the high and 13.09 in the triple. Damon Lott finished in second in the long jump with a jump of 13.37.

Kyle Peters finished fourth in the high jump with a jump of 1.91 meters.

Teammate Karl Vogel won the long jump with a jump of 6.66 meters.

Mike Gurius led the throwers after finishing fourth in weight throw with a toss of 14.31 meters.

"Over the next three weeks, now that we have a track, we will only continue to get better," Newsom said.

Newsom is referring to the conference meet to take place Feb. 29 and March 1 at Luther College in Decorah.

The Knights will head to Whitewater Wis. next weekend, Feb. 15 and 16, to compete in the Warhawk Classic. The men's half of the meet will begin at 3 p.m. Friday. The women's part of the meet will begin at noon on Saturday.

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Baseball downgrades, Wartburg upgrades

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Barbosa, Grant Hill, and Raja Bell in Phoenix. Look for the Suns to turn it on with the addition of O'Neal.

On the other end of the deal, the Heat will miss their big man. Although Shaq has been plagued by injuries throughout his career and the past few seasons in particular, he knows how to win, and you can't take that away. With Shaq goes the inside presence and the experience. I am not sure how you replace that.

Although Shaq is happy, and Marion wanted out of Phoenix, I feel that this deal will hurt the Heat. Downgrade in Miami.

In one of the bigger moves in MLB over the offseason, Minnesota Twins ace pitcher Johan Santana was dealt to the New York Mets.

Santana, a two-time Cy Young winner, agreed to a six-year, $137.5 million contract which will put him in a Mets uniform until 2014.

Can you say upgrade in New York? The Mets reportedly beat out the Boston Red Sox and that other New York baseball team to pick up Santana.

Santana leaves Minnesota in his heyday, although his numbers this past season weren't as impressive as in previous seasons. Now the Twins find themselves with a big hole to fill. How will they fill it you ask?

They get center fielder Carlos Gomez, Philip Humber, Kevin Mulvey and Deolis Guerra, all right-handed pitchers. Even though the Twins' organization says they are happy with their pickups, come on, you think those four guys will be able to fill the shoes left by Johan Santana.

Hate to say it, but downgrade for the Twins.

And finally, a topic hitting a little closer to home.

The Wartburg track and field teams successfully competed in the Wartburg Select indoor track meet Saturday. That means that the final component of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center, the indoor track and fieldhouse is complete. I'm not sure if that means that the whole project is finished, but for all intents and purposes, we'll say that $30 million-plus facility is complete.

Better late than never, right? Definite upgrade for Wartburg.

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Knights rest, get ready to host IIAC tournament

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and we got some competition we don't normally see, so I felt good about it."

The Knights now have 10 days until the Iowa Conference tournament which ill be at "The W."

"We're going to be training, but we're also going to be fine tuning some things with each individual that is going to be wrestling in the conference," Miller said. "It's going to be nice not to jump right back in right away. We're going to use this time to do some good training and just technically do some fine tuning with each athlete."

Miller sees a big opportunity for the Knights because the conference tournament is at home.

"We've enjoyed it, it doesn't come around very often, once every nine years," Miller said. "You're not traveling, you're sleeping in your own bed, you have the comfortable environment, you have the home fans, I think it is an advantage."

Struthers was named IIAC wrestler of the week for the week of Feb. 4. This past week he joined the 30-win club and is ranked sixth in NCAA Div. III wrestling.

Struthers joins five other wrestlers being ranked in the top 10 of Div. III wrestling. Along with Struthers, Borchers, Miller, Djoumessi, Helvey and Naig are all ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Naig is on a 26 straight win-streak and ranked No. 1, along with Miller and Djoumessi.

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Women's basketball drops two conference games

Knights drop in conference standing after losing to BV at home and Loras on the road last week

PAM RODGERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's basketball team lost to Loras 59-78 in conference action Saturday.

The Knights played Loras earlier in the season at home and defeated the Duhawks 78-69.

"In our first match-up with Loras, we did a great job of taking away their strengths, and we shot the ball well. This time we didn't, and that was the difference," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

The Knights were down early as the Duhawks jumped out to a 7-0 lead after two minutes of play.

Wartburg battled back to bring the game within one with 15 minutes left but Loras never let up. That was the closest the Knights came to taking over the lead the rest of the half.

The game was 26-37 when the teams went to the locker room for half time.

"Loras is a very good team and we knew it would be challenging on the road," Amsberry said. "We did a great job getting open looks, especially in the first half, but struggled to knock them down."

At the beginning of the second half, the Knights gave up six points right away to the Duhawk offense and Loras never looked back. Knights were down more than 10 points the rest of the game with the largest deficit at 26 points.

"In the second half we really broke down defensively and they were able to convert on our mistakes," Amsberry said.

Sharese Van Sloten was the leading scorer with 15 points.

"We can always count on Sharese to give great effort," Amsberry said. "She played well offensively today and we need her to continue that as we close out the season."

Teammate Elizabeth Campbell was close behind with 13 points. Abbey Hempen chipped in 11, nine of them coming from behind the arc.

On the boards for the Knights Van Sloten brought down eight.

Wartburg suffered another loss earlier in the week. The Knights took on Buena Vista at home on Wednesday night losing 58-76.

"Elizabeth Campbell and Gabi Miller did a good job defending their best player and the conference's leading scorer and we pretty much held her in check," Amsberry said. "We also provided good help for them on dribble penetration, but they had several other players that hurt us. They are pretty explosive offensively and went through a couple of stretches where they really got going."

The Knights were the first to score when Van Sloten made a lay-up a minute in to the game. For the first period, the Knights swapped the lead back and forth with BV but the Knights played from behind most of the half.

Wartburg went to the locker room down by five with the score at 27-32.

In the second period, Van Sloten was first to strike again, but from there BV took hold of the game and did not let Wartburg get closer than four points.

Leaders for the Knights were Sam Harrington with 15 points while Van Sloten added 10.

"Sam shot the ball very well from the perimeter. We need her to continue to be aggressive offensively to take some pressure off other players," Amsberry said. "She is a very talented player who will continue to improve and has the potential to be a very strong player in this league."

Van Sloten had control of the boards for the Knights as she had eight rebounds. Harrington collected six boards and Hollee Silvey pitched in five.

The Knights currently sit at 4-8 in the conference and 11-9 overall. Simpson, Luther and Coe sit atop the conference and have already secured IIAC playoff berths.

The Knights will take on Cornell Wednesday in "The W."

"Cornell has good balance, but also has two very good players that hurt us at their place and we will be working hard to keep them in check," Amsberry said. "They really hurt us with perimeter shooting and dribble penetration and they play a good pressure defense and we will have to take care of the ball to be successful."

Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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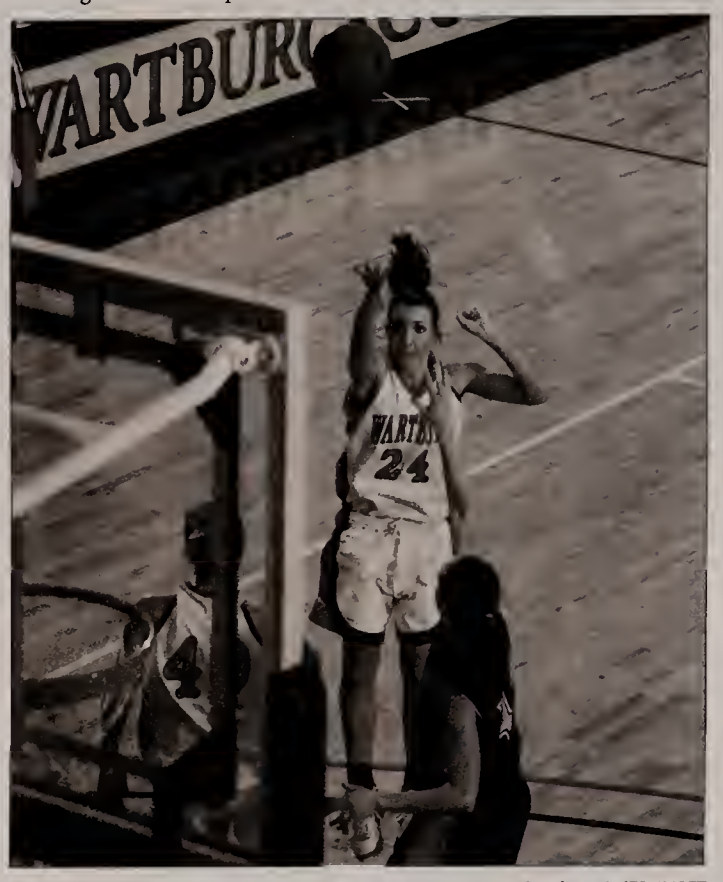

Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*
Laurie Busching attempts a jumper against Buena Vista Wednesday.

Knights drop two to Iowa Conference leaders

Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*
Brad Schmitt hooks a shot in the Knights' loss to Buena Vista.

JOSH URBAN *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg men's basketball team fell to 3-9 in conference play with a 68-83 loss to the Loras Duhawks in Dubuque Saturday.

Despite Brad Schmitt's season high 19 points and 63 percent shooting from the field, the Knights just weren't able to outlast the Duhawks. Cashes Mason and Dan Stark, who had 17 and 12 points respectively, also turned in strong offensive performances.

The Knights were able to keep it close until late in the first half when Loras built a 10-point lead and never looked back.

This was Schmitt's 10th double-digit game of the season while he is averaging just under 10 points and 6 rebounds a game for the season. With Mason's performance Saturday he now has six straight games with double digits in points and has increased his scoring average to just more than 11 points per game.

Lee Nelson, John Schutte and Mason helped the Knights will three assists a piece in their campaign for a win.

Earlier in the week the Knights fell to Buena Vista, 67-80, in Levick Arena.

The Knights struck first in the conference game, but the Beavers answered and did not look back. Heading into the locker room for halftime the Knights were down 28-43.

The Knights were lead by Jake Raney with 19 points and four steals. John Schutte brought in 12 points, all of which came from behind the arc, while Mason brought home 11 for the Knights.

Schmitt brought down eight boards for the Knights while teammates Raney and Schutte brought home six a piece.

Mason added a season high, eight assists on the night in the Knights losing cause. Jake Raney added four steals while Schmitt recoreded the lone block of the game for the Knights.

The win helped the Beavers stay atop the conference standings, with Loras right behind them. The Duhawks and Beavers have both clinched conference playoff berths.

The Knights are currently 8th in the IIAC and 6-15 in overall action. The Knights hope to end their five game losing streak Wednesday when they host Cornell at 8 p.m. in Levick Arena.

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Sports Briefs

Knights softball ranked No. 2 in NCAA Div. III

Wartburg College is atop the polls again, as the softball team is ranked second in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association preseason poll. Linfield, Ore., holds down the top spot. The Knights finished last season 31-8 after making an appearance in the National Tournament.Coe and Central join the Knights in the top 25 poll. Coe is ranked 14th and Central is ranked 21st.

Knights soccer earns post-season honors

Both the men's and women's soccer teams earned multiple spots on their respective d3kicks.com All-Region teams. For the women, Rachel Oswald was named second team All-Central Region. Katelin Gannon and Amber Bennett were named third team All-Central Region. For the men, Casey Johnson and Luke McClyman were both named second team All-West Region for their efforts in the 2007 campaign.

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Knights host first meet since 1991

Knights run to second and third place finishes in "The W"

MAC SLAVIN *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

After a long-awaited opening, the Wartburg track teams finally got to show off their new track.

"It was a pretty awesome day. I've been here 16 years and we have not ever had a home indoor meet, so it was pretty awesome to have that atmosphere," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

The women finished in second place with 206 points behind the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. The men finished in third with 172 behind Nebraska Wesleyan and UW – La Crosse who finished in first and second respectively.

Knights thrower Jessica Bates bettered her provisional national qualifying throw, by winning the weight throw with a toss of 16.6 meters and finishing second in the shot put with a throw of 12.43 meters.

Teammates Pam Rodgers and Miakel Lindsey finished in third and fourth in the weight throw. They threw 12.6 meters and 11.91 meters respectively. Brandi Moulder helped the Knights in the shotput with a heave of 11.69 meters and a fourth place finish.

Alicia Ford, Megan Baker and Jessica Nessan helped the Knights with team points in the jumps. Ford finished second in the high jump after jumping 1.55 meters while Nessan finished second in the triple jump. She jumped 11.01 meters. Baker finished third in the long jump after jumping 5.15 meters.

KeAnna Martin also had a great day for the Knights. She won the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. She provisionally qualified in the 55 with a time of 7.28. In the 200, she just edged out teammate Kelsey Steffens, who finished second. The two finished with times of 26.02 and 26.33.

The Knights also went 1-2 in the 400, as Hannah Baker provisionally qualified by winning with a time of 57.01. Teammate Jenny Kordick finished in second with a time of 59.42 while Jenn Ganshirt finished in fourth with a time of 1:04.42.

The Kuiken sisters went 1-2 in the mile, as Jennifer edged out Amanda for first place. Jennifer finished with a time of 5:05.5 while Amanda finished with 5:50.55.

Anna Kraayenbrink brought home top honors in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 1:05.64. Emily VanOosbree came in just behind her in third place with a time of 10:29.31.

Brittany Thomas finished in fourth place in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.64.

The Knights 4x400-meter relay team of Baker, Brittany Melloy, Steffens and Jenny Kordick, provisionally qualified with their second place finish and time of 3:55.03.

On the men's side of things, Kevin Balster won the mile after provisionally qualifying with a time of 4:15.07. Balster also finished third in the 1,000-meter run. He finished with a time of 2:40.65 just ahead of teammate Jon Stover who finished fourth. Stover finished with a t ime of 2:40.98.

Marquis Stephens finished in third place in the 55-meter dash after

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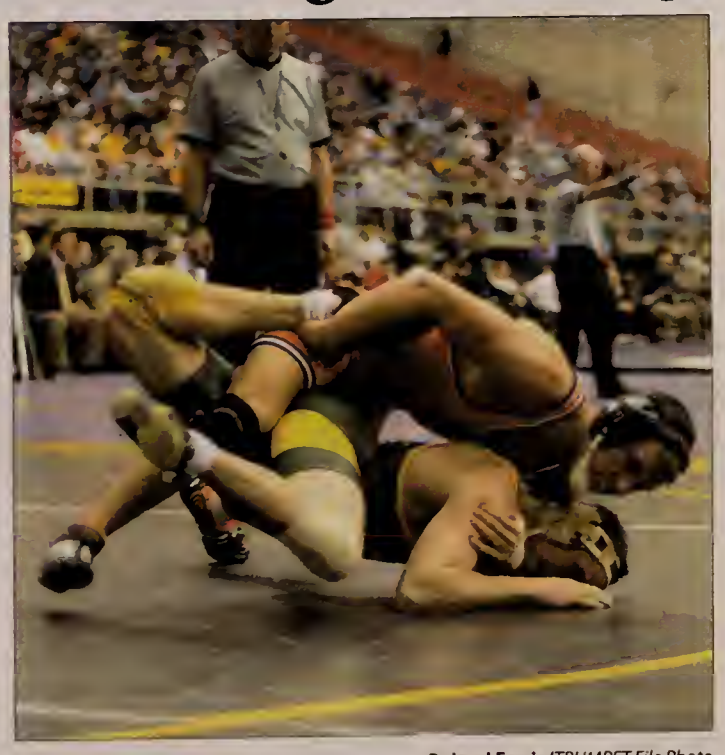
Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*
KeAnna Martin explodes out of the blocks to win the 55-meter dash.

Wrestling closes regular sesason with win



Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET File Photo*
Robert Struthers was named Iowa Conference wrestler of the week.

ANDREW NOSTVICK *STAFF WRITER*

The top ranked Wartburg Knights wrestling team closed the regular dual season on Thursday night with a 39-7 win on the road against Buena Vista. The win clinched the regular season Iowa Conference title and earned the team a 10-day layoff until the conference tournament.

The Knights saw eight wrestlers win on Thursday night, including Brian Borchers (Hwt.), T.J. Miller (197 lbs.), Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.), Adam Weber (165 lbs.), Aaron Wernimont (157 lbs.), Jacob Naig (149 lbs.), Matt Kelly (141 lbs.) and Robert Struthers (125 lbs.).

Knights coach Jim Miller praised the effort of his team in their last dual of the season.

"We wrestled pretty well, it's never an easy trip going to BV," Miller said. "I thought we had a strong performance."

With the win, the Knights finished the regular dual season atop the Iowa Conference standings with a record of 8-0 and an overall record of 22-0.

On Saturday, the Knights finished the regular season by sending the squad to Collegeville, Minn., to take part in the North Country Invitational.

Top winners from the invitational include, Jacob Groth (149 lbs.) and Zach McKray (141 lbs.) who finished in third place; Dustin Jaeger (174 lbs.) and Adam Weber (165 lbs.) in fourth place and Chris Sandy (149 lbs.) finished in fifth place.

Miller said the invitational was more for the young wrestlers on this Knights squad to get an opportunity to wrestle.

"I thought overall, it was a good performance," Miller said. "A lot of those young kids needed matches

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FROM THE BULLPEN

Sports had its ups and downs

LUKE SHANNO *SPORTS EDITOR*

The past few weeks have been highlighted by big news stories across all major sports stages, so we're going to play a little upgrade, downgrade with the people and teams of the biggest sports stories the past few weeks.

To start off, the Giants upset the much favored Patriots in the Super Bowl. Who would have thought that Eli and the rest of the Giants had a chance? More than likely, very few.

That didn't stop the G-Men though as they pressured Tom Brady and the New England offense all night. I wouldn't call it a great game, it didn't hold my attention the whole night, but the commercials are always good, that's beside the point. Upgrade for the Giants.

The Patriots looked like a shoe-in for the Lombardi Trophy, and history as they would become the first team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins to finish the season undefeated. Although 18-1 is not 19-0, the Patriots still had a phenomenal season. Upgrade for the New England dynasty as they look to be strong contenders next season as well.

Switching gears to the NBA, Shaq signed with the Phoenix Suns mid-week as he moved from Miami to another warm-weather basketball climate.

As part of arguably the biggest deal of the year, the Suns get 14-time all-star O'Neal while the Miami Heat get Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks in the deal.

I'm going to call upgrade for the Phoenix Suns and General Manager Steve Kerr. It appears that Kerr is trying to reach that elusive first NBA title for the Suns, and he's willing to take a risk on older, more experienced players to get the job done.

O'Neal will join Steve Nash, Amare Stoudemire, Leandro

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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